Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes. It was given a trial and then only the samples were sent

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—So, I think the trial was given before receipt of the opinion.

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Our suggestions were more or less the same. We were asked to submit the nature of the methods and the improvements that the Department would suggest.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—May I know how the cost of manufacture here would compare with the cost of manufacture in British India?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—According to the present method it is cheaper here because we are using cheap fuel, for the manufacture of jaggery. Ours is cheaper.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Here it is stated "The Council unanimously passed the recommendations of the Sub-Committee for enhanced tariff duty for cocoanut and cocoanut products". May I know whether any duty was enhanced?

Mr. President.—The tariff on cocoanut was enhanced by the Government of India.

Rural Libraries.

5. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of Rural Libraries aided by Government in the State;

(b) how many fresh applications have they received for starting new Libraries?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) There are at present 9 Village Libraries aided by Government.

(b) 7.

Mr I. N. Menon.—Mr. President, there is a printing mistake. I may be allowed to correct and read. There are no libraries aided. All the village libraries are managed by the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Do they propose to open new libraries?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes. Five libraries are to be opened this year.

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